

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 20, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners was held on this day, at 10:00 a.m., at Visit Bucks County in Bensalem, Pennsylvania. In attendance were Commissioner Charles H. Martin, Chairman; Commissioner Robert G. Loughery, Vice Chairman; and Commissioner Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia. Chairman Martin opened the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Martin introduced Jerry Lepping, Executive Director of the Visit Bucks County. Mr. Lepping welcomed everyone on behalf of himself and Sandra Miller, Chairperson for Visit Bucks County, and said they would be presenting awards at the conclusion of the Commissioners’ meeting. He encouraged everyone to take time to view the beautiful Christmas trees, all decorated by local organizations.

Chairman Martin said it was wonderful to be back in Bensalem and he welcomed Bensalem Mayor Joseph DiGirolamo. Mayor DiGirolamo spoke in support of the resolution on the agenda to prohibit video gaming terminals at truck stops in the county. Chairman Martin also welcomed State Representative Gene DiGirolamo and county row officers: Mary Smithson, Clerk of Courts; Michael Gallagher, Controller; Matthew Weintraub, District Attorney, Joseph Szafran, Recorder of Deeds; Donald Petrille, Jr., Register of Wills; and Thomas Panzer, Treasurer.

PRESENTATION

Recorder of Deeds Joe Szfran, representing Bucks County Tour of Honor, introduced Christine Ferrara, who presented commemorative Moravian tiles to the following donors to the Tour of Honor program: The Commissioners, Parx Casino, Team Toyota, American Heritage Federal Credit Union, BSI Construction, Mayor Joe DiGirolamo, Central Bucks Rotary, Philadelphia Fraternal Order of Police, Oxford Valley Golf Clubs, Merck, Visit Bucks County, Millers Ale House, and Celebrations. Mr. Szfran said that without these major supporters, these trips would not have been possible. Besides himself, he introduced the other members of the Bucks County Tour of Honor Board: Christine Ferrara, Gerald Fretz, Thomas Mellon, and Michael DeBonis. Commissioner Martin clarified that this is a 501(c)(3) organization and asked if Mr. Szfran plans to continue running these trips in 2018 and beyond. Mr. Szfran confirmed this and advised that the first trip scheduled for 2018 is for the Vietnam Veterans on May 7th, followed by the WWII and Korean War trip on October 1st.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners acknowledged the 20th Anniversary of the Pennsylvania launch of the HealthChoices Behavior Health program. They applauded the contributions that this county-managed system has made to expanding access to care and improving quality for those with behavioral health service needs in a cost-effective manner. Behavioral Health Director Cindy Grezeszak introduced Jim Leonard, Chief Executive Officer for Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, and Sheri Rubin, Account Executive. Mr. Leonard thanked the Commissioners for the acknowledgement and said they appreciate the successful partnership they’ve had over the past 17 years with the Bucks County Department of Human Services and Behavioral Health.

OLD BUSINESS

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner Loughery, with the vote being 3-0, the minutes for the regular meeting of December 6, 2017 were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Martin read through the agenda, providing clarification.

Item 1a – Rich Harvey, Director of the Agricultural Land Preservation Program, presented information on a county-only agricultural conservation easement on the Patterson farm in Lower Makefield Township. This brings the total farms preserved to 206, and a total acreage of 16,500.

Item 5a – Commissioner Martin read this resolution, exercising the option to prohibit video gaming terminals at truck stop establishments within Bucks County. This resolution was approved upon motion of Commissioner Loughery, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, and by roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Marseglia - aye, Commissioner Loughery - aye, and Commissioner Martin – aye. Commissioner Martin expressed appreciation to Representative DiGirolamo for helping to give counties the opportunity to vote against this and he added that to allow it would have provided no benefit to Bucks County. Commissioner Loughery added that they had received unanimous support from every part of the county in support of this resolution. Representative DiGirolamo agreed that this was the right thing to

do for the County and he said not one Bucks County representative – Democrat or Republican – voted in support of the gaming bill.

Item 9c – Court Administrator Stephen Heckman responded to Commissioner Martin’s question, regarding a conflict with Mr. Long.

Item 17a – Commissioner Marseglia motioned to table this item to allow for further discussion. Commissioner Loughery seconded the motion and it passed 3 – 0.

Item 20c - In response to Commissioner Martin’s questions, Health Department Director Dr. David Damsker advised that this is a large collection amount. He confirmed that the amount of legal fees is capped in the contract. Chief Operating Officer Brian Hessenthaler advised that this firm was chosen due to the specialized issues involved with this collection matter.

Item 27c – Commissioner Martin referenced State Representative Scott Petri’s resignation and Solicitor Michael Klimpl responded to his question regarding the added costs for a possible special election.

RESOLUTIONS

Upon motion of Commissioner Loughery, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, and with the vote being 3-0, the following Resolutions were approved by the Bucks County Board of Commissioners with the exception of the following:

- Item 4f passed 2-1 with Commissioner Martin opposing
- Item 17a was TABLED, and
- Items 27a & b passed 2-1 with Commissioner Marseglia opposing

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>WITH</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1. AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION	a. Lower Makefield Township Yardley, PA	Approve county-only agricultural conservation easement on the Patterson farm located on Yardley Road and Mirror Lake Road in Lower Makefield Township. (TMPs 20-016-040-002, 20-016-039-001, and 20-016-038, and portions of 20-016-049 & 20-016-046)	\$1 + settlement charges and adjustments (County 100%)
2. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	a. Allan Collaut Associates, Inc. Broomall, PA	Approve contract renewal for consulting services for Human Services departments. 1/1/18 – 12/31/18	\$96,074.74** (County 0%)
	b. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Human Services Harrisburg, PA	Approve Amendment #12 to the HealthChoices Behavioral Health Agreement. 1/1/18 – 12/31/19	
	c. Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC Harrisburg, PA	Approve contract renewal for auditing services for the 2017, 2018 & 2019 calendar years.	\$73,500/year** (County 0%)
3. BOARD OF ELECTIONS	a. Reliance Graphics West Chester, PA	Approve contract extension to provide ballots for 2018 Election (Primary & General). 1/1/18 – 12/31/18	\$105,792* (County 100%)
4. CHILDREN & YOUTH	a. Access Services Fort Washington, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide specialized foster care services for children with special needs. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$500,000** (County 16%)
	b. Atlantic Diagnostic Laboratories Bensalem, PA	Approve contract increase and extension for drug testing services. 4/20/17 – 12/31/18	\$51,000** (County 20%)
	c. Bethany Christian Services Elkins Park, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide foster care services. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$96,000** (County 11%)
	d. Christ’s Home for Children Warminster, PA	Approve contract renewal for group home services, transitional living services, and a mother/baby program. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$1,500,000** (County 13%)
	e. Family Unity Center Bristol, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide after school services. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$7,500** (County 20%)

	f.	K/S Consultants, Inc. Warrington, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide the Truancy Prevention/Diversion program. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$300,000** (County 10%)	
	g.	K/S Consultants, Inc. Warrington, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide family therapy, advocate services and education consultation. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$250,000** (County 8%)	
	h.	K/S Consultants, Inc. Warrington, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide Transition to Foster Care program. 7/1/17 - 6/30/18	\$132,500** (County 20%)	
	i.	K/S MST, Inc. Warrington, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide therapy services to youth and families. 7/1/17 - 6/30/18	\$30,000** (County 5%)	
	j.	Valley Youth House Committee, Inc. Bethlehem, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide supportive housing services. 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	\$712,500** (County 17%)	
5.	COMMISSIONERS	a.	Approve Resolution opting Bucks County out of video gaming terminals at truck stops within the County.		
		b.	Chalfont Borough	Approve acceptance of request from Chalfont Borough to participate in Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance (LERTA) program.	
		c.	Northampton County General Purpose Authority c/o Ballard Spahr, LLP Philadelphia, PA	Approve Resolution for the issuance of bonds by the Northampton County General Purpose Authority solely for purposes of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, to finance a project for the benefit of St. Luke’s Health Network, Inc. “Anderson” “Quakertown” and the ”Hospital” as defined in the Resolution.	
6.	COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	a.	Family Services Association of Bucks County Langhorne, PA	Approve contract for 2016 CDBG funds for Emergency Shelter sewer repair. 1/1/17 – 12/31/17	\$48,412 (County 0%)
7.	CORONER	a.	National Medical Services, Inc. d/b/a NMS Labs Willow Grove, PA	Approve contract to provide toxicology services. 1/1/18 – 12/3/18	\$150,000** (County 100%)
8.	CORRECTIONS	a.	Community Education Centers, Inc. Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract to provide overflow housing. 1/1/18 – 12/31/18	\$64/inmate/day (County 100%)
		b.	Helen Letherman Sellersville, PA	Approve contract to provide drug and alcohol intervention services. 1/1/18 – 6/30/18	\$3,380* (County 0%)
		c.	Honeywell Building Solutions Fort Washington, PA	Approve contract extension for fire alarm control panel upgrade at Correctional Facility. 1/1/18 – 5/31/18	
		d.	R.W. Powitz Associates, P.C. Old Saybrook, CT	Approve contract increase to provide forensic consulting services to Corrections and the Youth Center. 1/1/16– 12/31/17	\$5,500** (County 100%)
		e.	Sentinel Offender Services, GPS Electronic Monitoring Services Irvine, CA	Correct term of contract for global positioning system (GPS) monitoring. 9/1/17 – until notice of cancellation	
9.	COURTS	a.	ARCpoint Labs of Doylestown Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to administer randomized drug testing program for individuals assigned to the Bucks County Intermediate Punishment Treatment Program. 1/1/18 – 12/31/18	\$66,000** (County 0%)

	b. Children & Youth Conflict Counsel 1. Judith A. Algeo 2. Mitchell H. Baylarian 3. Geoffrey A. Graham 4. Elissa B. Heinrichs 5. Francine Kaplan 6. Stuart Wilder 7. Keith J. Williams 8. Peter M. Williams	Approve contracts with eight private attorneys to represent parties in dependency cases when there is a conflict of interest with Legal Aid. (\$21,537.72 per contract) 1/1/18 – 12/31/18	\$172,301.76* (County 100%)
	c. Conflict Counsel 1. Sharif N. Abaza 2. Timothy J. Barton 3. Harry J. Cooper 4. Niels C. Eriksen, Jr. 5. John J. Fioravanti 6. Blake M. Jackman 7. Charles D. Jonas 8. Bonnie-Ann Brill Keagy 9. Paul G. Lang 10. Robert Mancini 11. Patrick J. McMenamin, Jr. 12. Wm. Craig Penglase 13. Daniel J. Schatz 14. Stuart Wilder 15. Keith J. Williams	Approve contracts with fifteen private attorneys to represent individual defendants in cases when there is a conflict of interest with the Bucks County Public Defender's Office. (\$36,595.56 per contract) 1/1/18 – 12/31/18	\$548,933.40* (County 100%)
	d. Court Conciliation & Evaluation Service Doylestown, PA	Approve contract for psychological counseling and evaluation services in child custody and visitation matters. 1/1/18 – 12/31/18	\$68,700** (County 100%)
	e. Fonta Reilly Consulting Quakertown, PA	Approve contract for consulting services to ensure compliance with Federal Drug Court grant requirements. 1/1/18 – 12/31/18	\$18,000** (County 0%)
	f. Grim, Biehn and Thatcher Perkasie, PA	Approve contract for mental health hearing officer for petitions filed in Bucks County Court. 1/1/18 – 12/31/18	\$58,805.88** (County 100%)
	g. R. Barry McAndrews, Esq. Warrington, PA	Approve contract to act as General Master in Court matters. 1/1/18 – 12/31/18	\$24,000 (County 100%)
10. DISTRICT ATTORNEY	a. Maureen Spang Chambersburg, PA	Approve contract to provide consulting services. 1/1/18 – 12/31/18	\$18,000** (County 100%)
11. DISTRICT COURTS	a. Pitney Bowes Stamford, CT	Approve contract to lease postage machines for 18 District Courts. 2/1/18 – 1/31/23	\$160,801.20* (County 100%)
12. FINANCE	a. Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC Harrisburg, PA	Approve contract renewal for auditing services for the 2017, 2018 & 2019 calendar years.	\$158,090/yr** (County 100%)
13. GENERAL SERVICES	a. CILS, Inc. Lebanon, PA	Approve contract increase for repairs to laundry equipment at Neshaminy Manor. 6/1/14 – 5/31/18	\$14,000** (County 0%)
	b. Communication Systems, Inc. Allentown, PA	Approve contract increase for security system upgrades in Administration Building.	\$10,061.76 (County 100%)
	c. Eastern Highway Specialists, Inc. Wilmington, DE	Approve contract increase for repairs to Bridge #263, located on North Fourth Street over the tributary to the Tohickon Creek in Quakertown Borough, and Bridge #352 on Hill Road over Threemile Run in East Rockhill Township.	\$35,675.30* (County 100%)
	d. STV Incorporated Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract increase and extension for the replacement of Bridge #30 on Clay Ridge Road over Beaver Creek in Tincum Township, as well as signature authorization and execution of Supplemental Engineering Agreement Amendment C.	\$118,052.59** (County 5%)

	e.	Four Seasons Construction Group, Inc. Huntington Valley, PA	Approve contract extension for replacement of barn roof at county rental property at 404 Holland Road in Holland. 11/30/17 – 1/26/18	
	f.	Robert E. Little Inc. d/b/a Deere & Company Cary, NC	Approve contract amendment to reflect corporate name change.	
	g.	Timothy Haahs & Associates, Inc. Blue Bell, PA	Approve contract to provide engineering services for Phase 1 of the county parking garage restoration.	\$39,500 (County 100%)
14. HEALTH	a.	Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Harrisburg, PA	Approve annual Mosquito-borne Disease Control Grant (f/k/a West Nile Virus Grant) to provide continuation of mosquito-control activities. 1/1/18 – 12/31/18	\$144,283.35 (Revenue)
	b.	Pennsylvania Department of Health, Office of Public Health Preparedness Harrisburg, PA	Approve annual federal grant for the Pennsylvania Health Department's Public Health Preparedness Program. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$465,770 (Revenue)
	c.	Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Communicable Diseases Harrisburg, PA	Approve increase to tuberculosis grant award. 7/1/16 – 6/30/18	\$48,773 (Revenue)
15. HOUSING SERVICES	a.	Bucks County Housing Group Warminster, PA	Approve contract to provide tenant based rental assistance. 1/1/18 – 12/31/19	\$168,000/yr (County 0%)
	b.	Bucks County Opportunity Council Doylestown, PA	Approve contract to provide tenant based rental assistance. 1/1/18 – 12/31/19	\$168,000/yr (County 0%)
16. HUMAN RESOURCES	a.	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Labor & Industry Harrisburg, PA	Approve payment of 2017 Administration Fund Assessment for workers' compensation self-insurance.	\$57,218 (County 100%)
	b.	International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Local 835, AFL-CIO-02 Drexel Hill, PA	Approve contract with IUOE Unit 02, for approximately 145 employees in General Services. 1/1/17 – 12/31/19	
17. HUMAN SERVICES	a.	A Woman's Place Doylestown, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide counseling to victims of domestic abuse and violence. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$5,000** (County 3.9%)
	<i>TABLED</i>			
18. JUVENILE PROBATION	a.	1st Run Computer Services Garden City, NY	Approve purchase of Fujitsu scanning hardware.	\$28,958.19** (County 100%)
	b.	Alternative Rehabilitation Communities, Inc. Harrisburg, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide structured residential programs for juveniles. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$75,000** (County 22%)
	c.	Paperless Solutions, Inc. Bensalem, PA	Approve contract increase to create document management system. 4/1/07 – 3/31/18	\$137,650** (County 100%)
19. MH/DP	a.	CO-MANS, Inc. Pennel, PA	Approve contract renewal for supported living and community residential services. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$622,614** (County 3.9%)
	b.	Family Services Association of Bucks County Langhorne, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide intensive and administrative case management services. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$85,000** (County 3.9%)
	c.	Horsham Clinic Ambler, PA	Approve contract renewal for hospital inpatient services. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$21,000** (County 3.9%)

	d.	Lenape Valley Foundation Doylestown, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide mental health services. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$5,381,499** (County 4.6%)
	e.	Mental Health Partnerships Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide peer support services. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$75,000** (County 3.9%)
	f.	Penndel Mental Health Center Langhorne, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide housing and mental health services. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$2,906,519** (County 3.9%)
	g.	The Salvation Army, Inc. Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide supported living services. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$43,089** (County 3.9%)
	h.	Woods Services Langhorne, PA	Approve contract renewal to provide residential and day program services. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$1,707,695** (County 3.9%)
20. NESHAMINY MANOR	a.	Arcadia Health Services, Inc. d/b/a Arcadia Home Care and Staffing Southfield, MI	Approve contract to provide agency nursing for residents. 1/1/18 – 12/31/18	\$2,500* (County 1%)
	b.	General Healthcare Resources Plymouth Meeting, PA	Approve contract to provide agency nursing for residents. 1/1/18 – 12/31/18	\$2,500* (County 1%)
	c.	Hynum Law Harrisburg, PA	Approve contract to provide legal services for collection case. 11/22/17 – 11/21/18	\$75 - \$250/hr* Plus expenses (County 1%)
	d.	EMED Medical Company Maryland Heights, MO	Rescind contract to purchase replacement parts for hospital beds. 12/1/17 – 11/30/19	(\$3,307.52)
	e.	Legend Medical Pennsauken, NJ	Approve contract increase for purchase of replacement parts for hospital beds. 12/1/17 – 11/30/19	\$5,568* (County 1%)
	f.	Manheim Medical Supply, Inc. Manheim, PA	Approve contract to provide incontinence products. 1/1/18 – 12/31/18	\$94,135.80* (County 1%)
	g.	Medline Industries Holdings, LP Northfield, IL	Approve contract to provide incontinence products. 1/1/18 – 12/31/18	\$8,448* (County 1%)
	h.	Twin Med, LLC Santa Fe Springs, CA	Approve contract to provide incontinence products. 1/1/18 – 12/31/18	\$10,483.20* (County 1%)
	i.	Veritiv Operating Company Mechanicsburg, PA	Approve contract to provide incontinence products. 1/1/18 – 12/31/18	\$5,059.60* (County 1%)
21. PARKS & RECREATION	a.	Richard Loden Huntington Valley, PA	Approve acquisition of 4.659 acre parcel in Bridgeton Township, adjacent to Ringing Rocks Park, in lieu of condemnation. (TMP 03-003-102)	\$1 + settlement charges and adjustments (County 100%)
22. PLANNING COMMISSION	a.		Approve adoption of 2018 Bucks County Municipal Waste Management Plan.	
23. PROTHONOTARY	a.	Paperless Solutions, Inc. Bensalem, PA	Approve contract increase to scan and index Civil Family Court divorce files. 4/1/07 – 3/31/18	\$81,600** (County 0%)
24. PURCHASING	a.	Bob Barker Company, Inc. Fuquay Varina, NC	Approve contract for purchase of janitorial supplies. 1/1/18 – 12/31/20	\$16,284.82* (County 95.1%)
	b.	General Chemical Supply Inc. Maple Shade, NJ	Approve contract for purchase of janitorial supplies. 1/1/18 – 12/31/20	\$261,386.26* (County 55.4%)

	c.	Hillyard Delaware Valley Warminster, PA	Approve contract for purchase of janitorial supplies. 1/1/18 – 12/31/20	\$28,236.03* (County 6.1%)
	d.	Penn Jersey Paper Company Philadelphia, PA	Approve contract for purchase of janitorial supplies. 1/1/18 – 12/31/20	\$8,001.81* (County 44.9%)
	e.	Pennsylvania Paper & Supply Company, Inc. Scranton, PA	Approve contract for purchase of janitorial supplies. 1/1/18 – 12/31/20	\$61,566.05* (County 79.5%)
	f.	Pyramid School Products Tampa, FL	Approve contract for purchase of janitorial supplies. 1/1/18 – 12/31/20	\$34,766.65* (County 84.8%)
	g.	Spruce Industries Rahway, NJ	Approve contract for purchase of janitorial supplies. 1/1/18 – 12/31/20	\$5,481.50* (County 55.7%)
	h.	Venus Supplies and Services Harleysville, PA	Approve contract for purchase of janitorial supplies. 1/1/18 – 12/31/20	\$1,498.38* (County 0%)
	i.	SafeGuard Document Destruction Inc. Millstone, NJ	Approve contract to provide shredding services. 1/1/16 – 12/31/17	\$20,300* (County 100%)
25. RECORDS IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE	a.	Paperless Solutions, Inc. Bensalem, PA	Approve contract increase to provide conversion to PDF/A formats. 4/1/07 – 3/31/18	\$5,080** (County 0%)
26. SOLICITOR	a.	Toll Brothers Horsham, PA	Approve contract amendment to extend the outside settlement date to December 31, 2018.	
27. VOTING MACHINES	a.	Electec, Inc. Mt. Holly, NJ	Approve contract for software license and support fees for 765 voting machines. 7/1/17 – 6/30/18	\$72,675 (County 100%)
	b.	Electec, Inc. Mt. Holly, NJ	Approve contract for extended warranty for 765 voting machines. 12/1/17 – 8/16/18	\$69,901.88 (County 100%)
	c.	Matheson Transfer Company Forty Foot, PA	Approve contract increase and extension to provide hauling of voting machines for 2018 Elections (Primary & General). 1/1/18 – 12/31/18	\$40,593.28* (County 100%)
28. OTHER CIVICS	a.	BC Opportunity Council – Food Bank	Approve Payment	\$3,000
		Rolling Harvest Food Rescue		\$3,000
		The Moyer Foundation		\$1,200

*Unit Cost/Estimated for operational purposes only. ** Unit Cost/Not to Exceed

AND the proper officers are authorized to execute all documents necessary to carry this Resolution into effect.

2017 COUNTY BUDGET, TAX LEVY AND APPROPRIATIONS

Chief Operating Officer Brian Hessenthaler provided information regarding the budget process this year and thanked everyone involved. He advised that the initial deficit was over \$40 million. After meetings during September and October, a preliminary budget was presented with a reduced deficit of just under \$18 million. Further work resulted in a reduction to a little over \$10 million. What is being requested today is a tax increase of 1.25 mils to cover the deficit. Mr. Hessenthaler pointed out that, if passed, this will be the first tax increase in six years, and only the second in the past twelve years. In response to Commissioner Martin's question, Mr. Hessenthaler advised that this increase would amount to about \$45 per year for the average taxpayer, or 87 cents per week.

Commissioner Martin advised that they have more information regarding the budget for anyone who is interested, including what projects have taken place.

Commissioner Loughery echoed other comments regarding the work everybody did to get the budget to where it is, not just Finance, but Courts, row offices, department heads and division leaders and said it was not an easy budget. He pointed out things they have accomplished over the years while reducing the county workforce, such as building the new Justice Center, the \$42 million narrow banding project resulting in a whole new 911 system, renovations to

the Administration building, the replacement or renovation of twenty-one county bridges with eight additional ones currently under construction, and a nursing home that is second-to-none. Commissioner Loughery advised that the biggest issue driving the county budget and the reason they must consider a tax increase is the opioid crisis. He provided additional information on the tremendous increase in costs resulting across multiple departments, including the District Attorney’s office, Children & Youth, the Coroner’s office, and the Corrections Department.

Commissioner Marseglia also spoke about the drug epidemic in Bucks County, saying it is one of the worst in the state. She advised that 99% of the costs of running the Correctional Facilities is coming directly from property taxes. She also noted that the total number of children in placement because their parents had substance abuse problems has gone up from 42% in 2012 to 67% today. Commissioner Marseglia advised that the Tree of Hope tree lighting will be held tonight at the county offices and people will be decorating the tree in memory of those who have been lost and in honor of those in recovery.

Commissioner Martin emphasized that this tax increase will be only the second in 12 years. He said \$90 over 12 years equates to about seven dollars per year for the average tax payer. He added that he is proud of the Commissioners’ collective record over the years and unfortunately, they sometimes “have to do what they have to do.” Commissioner also noted that the budget will be accessible on the county website.

ADOPTION OF COUNTY BUDGET

Upon motion of Commissioner Loughery, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, and with roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Marseglia - aye, Commissioner Loughery - aye, and Commissioner Martin - aye, the following was approved:

- Adopt the 2018 County Budget as recommended by the Director of Finance and Administration.

AND the proper officers are authorized to execute all documents necessary to carry this Resolution into effect.

ADOPTION OF COUNTY TAX LEVY

Upon motion of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Loughery, and with roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Marseglia - aye, Commissioner Loughery - aye, and Commissioner Martin - aye, the following was approved:

- Adopt the 2018 County Tax Levies, Millage Rate and user fee schedules as recommended by the Director of Finance and Administration. (Health, Neshaminy Manor, Parks & Recreation, Planning Commission, and Weights & Measures)

Commissioner Martin noted that the millage rate for this year is 24.45.

AND the proper officers are authorized to execute all documents necessary to carry this Resolution into effect.

ADOPTION OF APPROPRIATIONS

Upon motion of Commissioner Loughery, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, and with roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Marseglia - aye, Commissioner Loughery - aye, and Commissioner Martin - aye, the following was approved:

- Approve the 2018 Appropriations to County agencies and authorities as recommended by the Director of Finance and Administration.

AND the proper officers are authorized to execute all documents necessary to carry this Resolution into effect.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

None

PERSONNEL

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner Loughery, with the vote being 3-0, the following Personnel Actions were approved:

COMMISSIONERS LIST December 20, 2017								
As recommended by the Department of Human Resources								
Item numbers 1 through 23								
APPOINTMENTS								
	REQUISITION #	NEW HIRE NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE*	COMPENSATION
1	3619	Dominique D. Edwards	Nursing Assistant - PD	NM Nursing Assistants	03	24.0	12/26/2017	14.46 PH
2	3710	Ibrahim A. Ibrahim	Human Resources Intern - PD	Human Resources	00	16.0	12/27/2017	9.50 PH
3	3619	Robin Koren	Nursing Assistant - PD	NM Nursing Assistants	03	24.0	12/26/2017	14.46 PH
4	3619	Kristi R. Swindell	Nursing Assistant - PD	NM Nursing Assistants	03	24.0	12/26/2017	14.46 PH

POSITION CHANGE								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE*	COMPENSATION	
5	3407	Tammy L. O'Donnell	Social Work Supervisor TO Casework Manager	Children & Youth TO Children & Youth	84 TO 00	37.5 TO 40.0	12/21/2017	34.79 PH TO 85,000.00 PA
PER DIEM TO PERMANENT								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE*	COMPENSATION	
6	3701	Albina Korreshi	Food Service Attendant - PD TO Food Service Attendant	NM Dietary Services TO NM Dietary Services	03 TO 03	24.0 TO 40.0	12/23/2017	12.75 PH TO 18.06 PH
END OUT OF CLASS/TEMP ASSIGNMENT								
REQUISITION #	NAME	POSITION TITLE	DEPARTMENT	UNION CODE	HOURS	EFFECTIVE DATE*	COMPENSATION	
7	N/A	Karen F. Brady	Office Manager TO Senior Accountant	Tax Claim Bureau TO Tax Claim Bureau	00 TO 00	40.0 TO 40.0	8/6/2017	23.90 PH TO 23.23 PH
SEPARATION								
NAME	TITLE	DEPARTMENT	DATE	REMARKS				
8	Valerie E. Abram	Nursing Assistant	NM Nursing Assistants	12/18/2017	Separation			
9	Nancy S. Andrzejewski	Administrative Assistant	General Services	1/2/2018	Separation			
10	Donna W. Byers	Ofc Spvr/Asst to Executive Director	Planning Administrative	1/5/2018	Separation			
11	Marjorie B. Clarke	Social Work Supervisor	Children & Youth	1/11/2018	Separation			
12	Barbara A. Dyson	Nursing Assistant	NM Nursing Assistants	1/02/2008	Separation			
13	Jacquelyn A. Elliott	Nursing Assistant - PD	NM Nursing Assistants	12/4/2017	Separation			
14	Belinda R. Gonzales	Nursing Assistant - Pool	NM Nursing Pool	11/13/2017	Separation			
15	Samantha C. Jansen	Registered Nurse	NM Nursing Pool	12/11/2017	Separation			
16	David P. Johnson	Director GIS and Transportation Planning	Planning Administrative	1/2/2018	Separation			
17	Kimberly Kelly	Dispatcher Trainee - PD	911 Emergency Response	11/28/2017	Separation			
18	Nan Z. Luff	Fiscal Technician	Children & Youth	4/6/2018	Separation			
19	Carol S. Marchesani	LPN	NM Licensed Practical Nurses	12/26/2017	Separation			
20	Matthew McIlrath	Voice Support Specialist I	Information Technology	12/1/2017	Separation			
21	Stephen H. Reichman	Training Coordinator	911 Emergency Response	12/6/2017	Separation			
22	Stephen J. Schrier	Engineer I - NMH	General Services	12/8/2017	Separation			
23	Tina M. Thompson	Nursing Assistant - Pool	NM Nursing Pool	11/29/2017	Separation			

*Estimated Date **Never Started ***Agreement ****Reinstatement

AND the proper officers are authorized to execute all documents necessary to carry this Resolution into effect.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Upon motion of Chairman Loughery, seconded by Commissioner Martin, with the vote being 3-0, the following appointments were approved:

Conservation District

Robert Loughery (Commissioner)	Reappointment
John Frederick (farmer)	Reappointment
Jeff Garton (public)	Reappointment

Board of Assessment and Appeals

Sean Gresh	New Appointment
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Planning Commission

Joan Cullen	New Appointment
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Upon motion of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, with the vote being 3-0, the following appointments were approved:

Area Agency on Aging

Karen Beth Hirschman, PhD.	New Appointment
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Board of Health

Dr. Neil Burgess	New Appointment
William Roth	New Appointment

Upon motion of Commissioner Marseglia, seconded by Commissioner Martin, with the vote being 3-0, the following appointments were approved:

Drug and Alcohol Commission

Christopher Heuer	Reappointment
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PRESENTATIONS

Jerry Lepping, Executive Director of Visit Bucks County, introduced chair Sandy Miller, incoming chair Bill Hobbs - who is also on the Grant Committee - and Jeff Marshall, from the Grant Committee. Mr. Lepping thanked the Commissioners and said that the grant program was started by Commissioner Martin about eight years ago. In that time they have awarded \$3.7 million to 98 different non-profit, tourism-related organizations. Mr. Lepping then announced the current grant recipients as follows:

Acting Naturally	\$2,000
Artists of Yardley	\$3,000
Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve	\$10,000

Bristol Borough Raising the Bar	\$10,000
Bristol Riverside Theatre	\$15,000
Bucks Beautiful	\$5,000
Bucks County Audubon Society	\$5,000
Bucks County Children's Museum	\$4,000
Bucks County Civil War Round Table	\$1,000
Bucks County Wine Trail	\$15,000
Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce	\$5,000
Delaware River Towns	\$5,000
Doylestown Historical Society	\$12,000
Friends of the Delaware Canal	\$2,000
Friends of Washington Crossing Park – Mill	\$25,000
Friends of Washington Crossing Park	\$10,000
Heritage Conservancy	\$15,000
Historic Fallsington	\$5,000
Historical Society of Hilltown Township	\$5,000
James A. Michener Art Museum	\$20,000
Lenape Chamber Ensemble	\$2,000
Mercer Museum	\$25,000
New Hope Celebrates	\$3,000
Newtown Arts Company	\$3,000
Newtown Hall Theatre	\$3,000
Newtown Historic Association	\$8,000
Pearl S. Buck International	\$5,000
Pennsbury Society	\$10,000
Perkasie Olde Towne	\$2,000
Quakertown Alive!	\$1,000
Richland Library Company	\$1,000

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Brian Hessenthaler, Chief Operating Officer, reported on the following:

County Budget – Mr. Hessenthaler thanked the Commissioners for passing the budget and said he appreciates their support. Commissioner Martin commended Mr. Hessenthaler and said that his input was invaluable in getting this accomplished.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Loughery wished everyone Happy Holidays and said he looks forward to 2018. He thanked Commissioner Martin for chairing the board this year.

Commissioner Marseglia wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Commissioner Martin pointed out that this is the last Commissioners' Meeting for some of the row officers who have served the County very well: Pat Bachtle, Prothonotary, a 40 year county employee will be leaving; long time county sheriff Duke Donnelly will be leaving; Mike Gallagher who did a great job in his time here as Controller; and Recorder of Deeds Joe Szfran, who did a great job not only in the office that he holds, but also for the veterans of Bucks County. Commissioner Martin commended these individuals and said he appreciated working with them during their time here with the County. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jonathan Snipes, from Snipes Farm, thanked the Commissioners for making donations to anti-hunger groups and said he looks forward to working with them. Mr. Snipes also presented the Commissioners with jars of applesauce made by students at the Bucks County Technical High School.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next public meeting of the Bucks County Board of Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, January 3, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in the Bucks County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Commissioner Loughery, seconded by Commissioner Marseglia, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: January 3, 2018

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY:

Charles H. Martin
Chairman

Robert G. Loughery
Vice Chairman

Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia
Commissioner

ATTEST:

Brian Hessenthaler
Acting Chief Clerk
Chief Operating Officer